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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: **Computational Protein Probing to Identify Binding Sites**
Inventors: Frank Guarnieri
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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate);
2. Form PTO-1449 (2 pages);
3. Copies of references AR1, AS1, AT1, AR2, AS2 and AT2; and
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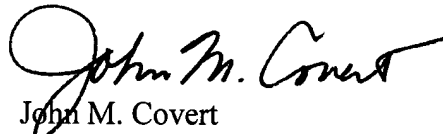
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Respectfully submitted,

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